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LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF REGIONAL LANGUAGE FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to promote regional language films;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c) According to the Constitution of India, 'cinema' is a State subject, except certification of films, which is on the Union List. However, the Central Government has taken several supportive measures for the growth of cinema, including regional cinema, through the National Film Development Corporation Ltd., which extends finance to regional cinema; through the Children's Film Society of India which produces children's films in various languages, including regional languages, through Doordarshan, which exhibits such cinema and through National Film Awards and the Indian Panorama section of the International Film Festival of India by recognizing the best of regional cinema.